SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS OCCUPATION! DEFEND OUR SERVICES NOW!

The Industrial Workers of the World have extended its solidarity to worker's recently past their 10th day of occupation at a Women's Hostel in Belfast.

Workers at Regina Coeli House hostel took direct action following advance notice of staff redundancies at the homeless women.

Worker's involved in the 24/7 "Work-in" occupation, the first type of worker led action seen in Belfast for several years, are demanding that the essential service is saved from closure.

In a number of communications leading up to the occupation, workers at Regina Coeli House were informed that it will close on Sunday February 27th.

However, in a campaign to help save the services, staff directly involved in maintaining the hostel agreed to place the women's shelter under workers control.

The campaign, which has received widespread community solidarity, looks set to continue until such a time when all redundancies is withdrawn, services are properly supported and the essential service is kept open.

An online petition in solidarity with Regina Coeli House has also seen a dramatic increase in messages of solidarity while workers involved in the occupation have received a steady flow of support and solidarity from the community and the trade union movement.

A spokesperson for the Industrial Workers of the World said that "This is as much an attack on workers as it is on the community.

"In times when the pandemic has been hitting those more vulnerable in our society, political institutions have been furthering cuts in essential community services which have been working tiresly to fill the void unattended by the state.

"They are providing care and support for those most affected by unemployment, homelessness and poverty particularly women, trans and non binary people, single parents, BAME, migrant and precarious workers.

"These community services are a lifeline for many people who usually fall through the cracks of the system and respond to the needs of many experiencing gender, police and state violence.

"These jobs losses will not only represent an attack on the livelihood of the workers affected, but the livelihood of many others who depend on them.



"We support the workers of Regina Coeli House in their actions of defending workers jobs and defending our community services!"

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can attend the occupation if you live in the area of Andersonstown or near by. Workers are always grateful for solidairity and support. Workers involved in the occupation have had offers of hot food and even support for the refurbishing of Regina Coeli House at no cost to themselves or the women they support. This is what working class solidarity looks like!

You can also extend your solidarity and support to the Save The Women's Hostel campaign by signing and sharing their GOFUNDME page.

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NEW BOOKLET OUT!



How To Fire Your Boss: A Workers' Guide To Direct Action OUT NOW!

The new booklet by IWW Union Ireland Branch, and launched at the recent Derry Radical Bookfair is out now and directly available from your local IWW organisers around the country.

At the launch members were informed that the text itself had been adapted from a pamphlet published by a group called BossBusters, a project of the Bay Area IWW General Membership Branch in San Francisco in the 1990's and now reprinted by the IWW Ireland Branch for members, supporters and those interested in learning more about the union and the ideas behind it

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